

Abstract

This diploma thesis explores the dissolution of the Law Faculty of the Masaryk University in Brno, which took place after the 1949/1950 academic year. The cancellation of the faculty was finalized by the new Higher Education Act no. 58/1950 Coll., which was passed on May 18, 1950. The act also ruined all traditional academic freedoms in the Czechoslovakia. The Communists claimed that there is no need to have so many lawyers in the new socialistic country. Therefore the legal studies remained only in Prague and Bratislava.

Several faculty members were dismissed from the Law Faculty of the Masaryk University right after the overturn in 1948 due to their activity during the previous regime. Those who remained could stay at the university only for two more years. However, after the cancellation of the faculty even those professors were not allowed to pursue their life mission. A majority of them ended up working in the Academy of Sciences.

The Law Faculty of the Masaryk University remained cancelled for 19 years.